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March 5, 2010

MUR # 6262

Thomasenia P. Duncan General Counsel Federal Election Commission 999 E Street NW Washington, DC 20463

Dear Ms. Duncan:

On behalf of the Arizona Democratic Party, I am writing to bring to your attention a possible gross violation of federal campaign finance law by Susan Bitter Smith for Congress and its Treasurer, Kelly Lawler (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Bitter Smith Campaign."

Susan Bitter Smith for Congress is the principal campaign committee for Susan Bitter Smith. Ms. Bitter Smith was an unsuccessful candidate for the general election for the House of Representatives for the Fifth District of Arizons in 2008. It was widely speculated that Ms. Bitter Smith would run for this office again in 2010. The Bitter Smith campaign's political committee remained active with the Federal Election Commission, and the new content was posted to the campaign's website as recently as November 2009. A new post was added about the 2010 campaign in February 2010. Susan Bitter Smith has filed a Statement of Candidacy for the 2010 election cycle.

The Bitter Smith Campaign has violated federal law and regulations by failing to state that the campaign's official website was paid for by the campaign as required by 11 C.F.R. § 110.11(a)(1). This regulation is essential to ascertain whether the campaign committee is paying for its official website, or whether an outside organization, perhaps an incorporated entity, has paid for the maintenance and content of the website in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441b.

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We request that the Commission promptly and aggressively investigate the clear violation of federal campaign finance regulations and seek any and all injunctive and financial penalties permitted by law.

Singerely,

Luis A. Heredia, Executive Director Arizona Democratic Party

State of Arizona

**County of MARICOPA** 

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010, <u>LUIS A.</u>

<u>HEREDIA</u> (name of signer), whose identity was proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to this document, and who acknowledged that he/she signed the above/attached document under the penalty of

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**Notary Public** 

My commission expires 3/29/20/2



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#### I'd appreciate your support in the 2010 campaign.

February 15th, 2010



### Central Arizona Project: Stability During Change

November 19th, 2009

Susan appeared on Horizon to explain the ramifications to water rates in Arizona by an Environmental Protection Agency mandate on the Navajo Generating Station. (video)

#### September 2009 Photos

September 10th, 2009

David Modeer, General Manager of the Central Arizona Project, and Susan speak to elected City Council members and Mayors at the Arizona League of Cities and Towns:



Susan was a panel member on energy and water issues at the Arizona Investors Council meeting:



#### **Morning Scoop**

August 28th, 2009

Susan participated in the Arizona Capitol Times' "Morning Scoop" breakfast in August 2009 to discuss water issues.













#### Sid Wilson

May 15th, 2009



Susan with Sid Wilson, celebrating Sid's career with Central Arizona

Project.

## **2009 American Cable Association**

May 12th, 2009



Susan was a member of the Executive Briefing panel at

the 2009 American Cable Association convention.

#### **All American Canal Lining Dedication**

April 30th, 2009



April 30, 2009 — Susan spoke at the All American Canal Lining

Dedication in her role as CAP President

## Reservoir Project in Southern California

October 21st, 2008



Ground For Storage/Reservoir Project in Southern California to Conserve Colorado River Water — Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne broke ground today for construction of the Drop 2 Storage Reservoir Project in California, which will conserve water and augment the water supply to the benefit of all seven Colorado River Basin states. "The Drop 2 Reservoir Storage Project is a triumph for common-sense water management policy," Secretary Kempthorne told the project's partners, including Susan Bitter Smith, President of the Board of Directors of the Central Arizona Project. "You have shown once again that, working together, the states and the Department of the Interior can be leaders in the conservation and sustainable management of water."

#### **BBC Election08 Bus**

September 14th, 2008



On September 14, Paul and Susan Bitter Smith hosted the BBC Election 8 bus, to discuss the upcoming national election, at their home in Scottsdale.



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